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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MNUC, PARM, PORG, UNSC, SF
SUBJECT: USSR CONSIDERING UNSC ACTION ON SOUTH
AFRICAN NUCLEAR ACTIVITY

1. SOVIET AMB TROYANOVSKY TOLD AMB MCHENRY MARCH 13
THAT USSR WAS CONSIDERING GOING TO THE SECURITY
COUNCIL ON QUESTION OF SOUTH AFRICAN NUCLEAR
ACTIVITIES. HE SAID SOVIETS HAVE EVIDENCE THAT
SOUTH AFRICA IS GOING AHEAD WITH CONSTRUCTION OF
NUCLEAR BOMB.

2. TROYANOVSKY SAID SOVIETS WERE NOW CONSULTING
WITH AFRICANS ON SC CONSIDERATION OF THIS QUESTION.
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HE CLAIMED US AND UK HAD BEEN CONSULTED AS WELL
BUT PROVIDED NO DETAILS. ACTION BEING CONTEMPLATED,
ACCORDING TO TROYANOVSKY, IS RESOLUTION BUILDING
ON 32ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION ON
DENUCLEARIZATION OF AFRICA (RESOLUTION 32/81 OF
DECEMBER 12, 1977).

3. MCHENRY RESPONDED THAT HE WAS UNAWARE OF ANY RECENT SOVIET APPROACH TO US ON THIS QUESTION (THERE HAS BEEN NON HERE). HE SAID HE WAS AWARE OF RECENT ARTICLE IN SOVIET PRESS ON THIS SUBJECT BUT HAD NOT REALIZED THIS REFLECTED FRESH SOVIET CONCERN. OUR POSITION, HE NOTED, WAS UNCHANGED. WE ARE CONTINUING TO MONITOR THE SITUATION CLOSELY, INCLUDING THE KALAHARI ACTIVITY. THE US FAVORED SOUTH AFRICAN ADHERENCE TO THE NPT. HE CALLED ATTENTION TO THE FACT THAT THERE WERE OBLIGATIONS IN THE NPT WHICH WE HOPED THE SOVIETS RECOGNIZED. TROYANOVSKY AGREED AND SAID THAT THE IMPORTANT POINT WAS THE NECESSARY SAFEGUARDS. YOUNG

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